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McCARTHY OF HASTINGS NAMED 2009 NEBRASKA TEACHER OF THE YEAR

Daniel R. McCarthy, a Hastings Senior High School teacher, today was named Nebraska Teacher of the Year.

Nebraska Department of Education staff recognized McCarthy in a surprise presentation at Hastings Senior High School. He was one of four Nebraska Teacher of the Year finalists.

The following teachers were finalists and will be recognized as Award of Excellence winners:

- Beth Murphy Anderson, Brownell Talbot School in Omaha
- Mary Dueland, Central Elementary School in McCook
- Ricardo Varguez, Westside High School in Omaha

McCarthy is an experienced industrial technology teacher who has been teaching since 1975. His area of expertise is working with mechanical and architectural drafting.

McCarthy was named Hastings Public Schools' Teacher of the Year in 2008 and named Nebraska Industrial Technology Education Association Teacher of the Year in 1995.

"I am able to find many rewards in teaching. It is very gratifying to me when students leave my program and go on to become architects, mechanical engineers, electrical engineers, mechanical and architectural technicians, or (choose) another related occupation, and return to tell me it was my teaching that sparked their interest.

"My beliefs about teaching are demonstrated through the time commitment I give my students," McCarthy said.

McCarthy and Award of Excellence winners will be honored by the State Board of Education at a luncheon Nov. 5 at the Nebraska Governor's mansion in Lincoln. McCarthy will participate in the National Teacher of the Year competition later this year.

